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GOVERNOR DOYLE ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER GREEN SPACE GRANTS

Governor Doyle announced two of DNR's first-ever Brownfields Green Space and Public Facilities Grants on Tuesday, February 10. At a press conference in Fond du Lac, the governor announced grants of \$200,000 to Fond du Lac to help convert the Quick Freeze site to a park along the river, and \$50,000 to Oshkosh to clean up brownfields for their Riverside Park project. The grants are the first of their kind nation-wide, intended to help communities add urban open spaces and public buildings to former brownfields. The Governor noted that converting urban brownfields into parks, libraries, and other public uses is critical to growing Wisconsin's economy. More information about these two grants is available in the press release from the Governor's office at http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/pressreleases_detail.asp?prid=397. The Governor plans to announce additional Green Space and Public Facilities Grants in March and April. More information about the grants is available at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm.

FEDERAL BROWNFIELD GRANTS DUE MARCH 9

EPA has eliminated "date of purchase" restrictions on eligibility for federal brownfield grants, and has now established a new application deadline of March 9, 2004. This applies only for applicants that were previously ineligible due to the date that they purchased a property, and is only available for this federal fiscal year. Previously, many sites that had been purchased by grant applicants prior to January 11, 2002 were ineligible. The original application deadline was December 4, 2003, but newly eligible applicants now have until March 9, 2004 to submit an application. Local governments are eligible to apply for these grants, and non-profit organizations may also apply for the cleanup grants. The applicant must identify specific properties that were previously ineligible. This new application window does not apply sites that are only contaminated with petroleum. Application guidelines are on EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm>. Additional information is at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/federal_brflids.html.

BROWNFIELDS 2004 CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER

The Brownfields 2004 conference will be held in St. Louis, September 20-22. Information on the conference is available www.brownfields2004.org. This includes the call for presentations – ideas are due March 31. The Brownfields 2004 web site also provides an opportunity to sign up for an electronic newsletter that will be sent periodically with conference-related updates.

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